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The Search Division considers that the present application, or some or all of its claims, does/do not comply with the EPC to such an extent that a meaningful search into the state of the art cannot be carried out, or can only be carried out partially, for the following claims:			
Claims searched completely :			
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Although claims 21, 23, and 24 are directed to a method of treatment of the human/animal body (Article 52(4) EPC), the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.

Claim(s) searched completely:

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Claim(s) searched incompletely:

1-10 12-24

Reason for the limitation of the search:

The scope of the claims 1-10, 12-24, in as far as the expression "prodrug" (see claim 1, line 10) is concerned, is so unclear (Article 84 EPC) that a meaningful search is impossible with regard to this expression.

Nevertheless the search was complete for compounds of formula (I) in which hydroxy, amino, or sulfhydryl groups form acetate, formate or benzoate derivatives (see description page 94, lines 25-34).

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